



# Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report

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## Working Gas in Underground Storage Data Released June 22, 2006 at 10:30 A.M., For the Week Ending June 16, 2006

Region	Stocks (Bcf) for June 16, 2006	Stocks (Bcf) for June 9, 2006	Implied Net Change (Bcf)	Year Ago Stocks (Bcf)
East	1,317	1,268	49	1,023
West	347	334	13	313
Producing	812	795	17	688
<b>Total Lower 48</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2,025</b>

Region	5-Year (2001-2005) Average Stocks (Bcf)	Difference from 5-Year Average (Percent)
East	957	37.6
West	276	25.7
Producing	601	35.1
<b>Total Lower 48</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>35.1</b>

### Notes and Definitions

**Note:** Because of the forthcoming Independence Day holiday, the Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report for the week ending June 30 will be released on Friday, July 7, between 10:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. (Eastern Time). The official release schedule is accessible by use of the link titled "Schedule" located on the menu bar at the top of this web page.

**Note:** This report tracks U.S. natural gas inventories held in underground storage facilities. The weekly stocks generally are the volumes of working gas as of the report date. Changes in reported stock levels reflect all events affecting working gas in storage, including injections, withdrawals, and reclassifications between base and working gas.

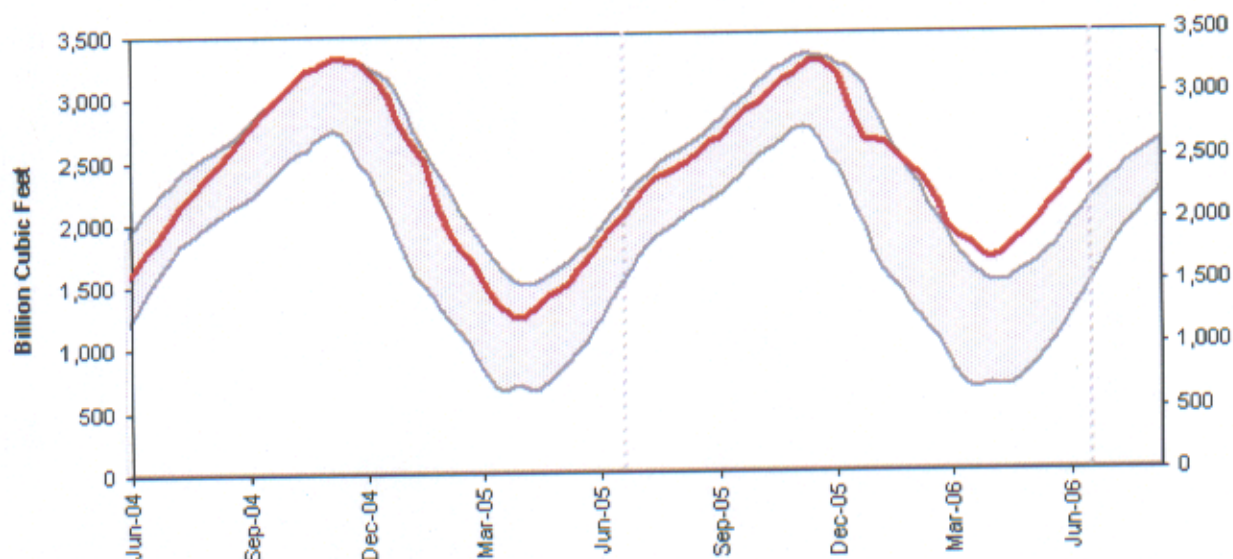
**Note:** The weekly storage estimates are based on a survey sample that does not include all companies that operate underground storage facilities. The sample was selected from the list of storage operators to achieve a target standard error of the estimate of working gas in storage which was no greater than 5 percent for each region. Based on a comparison of weekly estimates and monthly data from May 2002 through March 2006, estimated total working gas stocks have exhibited an average absolute error of 19 billion cubic feet, or 0.9 percent. For an expanded discussion of the relationship between the current and prior estimates, please see [Differences Between Monthly and Weekly Working Gas in Storage](#).

**Storage Highlights:**

Working gas in storage was 2,476 Bcf as of Friday, June 16, 2006, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 79 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 451 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 643 Bcf above the 5-year average of 1,833 Bcf. In the East Region, stocks were 360 Bcf above the 5-year average following net injections of 49 Bcf. Stocks in the Producing Region were 211 Bcf above the 5-year average of 601 Bcf after a net injection of 17 Bcf. Stocks in the West Region were 71 Bcf above the 5-year average after a net addition of 13 Bcf. At 2,476 Bcf, total working gas is above the 5-year historical range.



### Working Gas in Underground Storage Compared with 5-Year Range



Notes: A weekly record for March 8, 2002, was linearly interpolated between the derived weekly estimates that end March 1 and the initial estimate from the EIA-912 on March 15. The shaded area indicates the range between the historical minimum and maximum values for the weekly series from 2000 through 2004.

Source: Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report." The dashed vertical lines indicate current and year-ago weekly periods.

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